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Interested Parties

Subject: Change to Bear Hunting Regulations

The Department of Fish and Game has prepared a Negative Declaration for proposed changes to the hunting regulations for black bear. The project will expand the bear hunting area to include San Luis Obispo County. In addition, the project will eliminate an early bear hunting season closure mechanism which specifies that the hunting season will end when 1,700 bear are reported taken by hunters or on the last Sunday in December, whichever comes first. The elimination of the early season closure mechanism will maintain that the season will close on the last Sunday in December. This change could affect parts of all counties where black bear hunting is allowed, including Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Kern, Lake, Lassen, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Ventura, Yolo, and Yuba counties.

The project is described as "Bear Hunting in San Luis Obispo County" (the Negative Declaration and the report are available online at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/news/pubnotice/>).

The comment review period is from February 18, 2009 to March 23, 2009 and comments must be postmarked or faxed by March 23, 2009. Comments should be faxed or mailed to the address below. Copies are available from the Department at:

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